

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose defined by an elongated hollow structure having means forming openings at opposite ends thereof for the conduct of mediums therethrough through said hose, said structure being constructed substantially entirely of rubber composition and comprising at least one ~~rubber~~ layer composed of a rubber composition having a storage elastic modulus ( $E'$ ) of 20 to 100 MPa at 200 Hz with an elongation strain of 0.1% at an ordinary temperature, and a damping factor ( $\tan\delta$ ) of not smaller than 0.4.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose as set forth in claim 1, wherein the rubber composition has a 50% tensile stress (M50) of 1.0 to 4.0 MPa.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing layer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose defined by an elongated hollow structure having means forming openings at opposite ends thereof for the conduct of mediums therethrough, said structure being constructed substantially entirely of rubber composition

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and comprising a plurality of rubber layers, at least one of the rubber layers being composed of a rubber composition having a storage elastic modulus (E') of 20 to 100 MPa at 200

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Hz with an elongation strain of 0.1% at an ordinary temperature, and a damping factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) of not smaller than 0.4.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose as set forth in claim 4, wherein the rubber composition has a 50% tensile stress (M50) of 1.0 to 4.0 MPa.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose as set forth in claim 4, wherein a value M calculated from the following expression (1) is 1.5 to 3.5 Mpa:

$$M = (Ma_{50} \times A + Mb_{50} \times B + Mc_{50} \times C + \dots) / (A + B + C + \dots) \dots (1)$$

(wherein  $Ma_{50}$ ,  $Mb_{50}$ ,  $Mc_{50}$ , ... are 50% tensile stresses of rubber compositions composing the respective rubber layers, and A, B, C, ... are cross-sectional areas of the respective rubber layers).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing ~~rubber~~ hose as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a reinforcing layer of reinforcing filaments provided between each adjacent pair of rubber layers.